

VIRGINIA RECYCLING MARKETS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

August 20, 2003

HENRICO TRAINING CENTER

GLEN ALLEN, VIRGINIA

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Mike Benedetto, RMDC Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members of the Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council and members of the public to the meeting.

RMDC	Representing	Staff	Representing
Philip Abraham	Plastics Industry	Allan Lassiter	DEQ
Michael Benedetto	Paper Industry	Steve Coe	DEQ
Edward Duke	Recycling Industry	William Norris	DEQ
Paige Holloway	Public-At-Large		
Diane Jones	Rural PDC		
John Kline	Tire Industry	Visitors	Representing
Richard Lerner	Metal Industry	Kate Sicola	Fairfax County
Brian Salmon	Aluminum Industry	Ellen Jackson	JLARC
Tom Smith	VACO		
Michael Ward	Oil Industry		
William Bailey	VDOT		
Michael Murphy	VDEQ		
Absent RMDC			
Paul Alcantar	Urban PDC		
Robert Kerlinger	Composting Industry		
Eddie Schneider	Waste Industry		
Douglas Wine	VML		
David Woodbury	Glass Industry		
Georgiana Ball	VDGS		
William Vehrs	VDBA		

2. Determining Quorum

A quorum for the Virginia RMDC has been established as a simple majority of the appointed members to the Council. The Council is fully represented by 15 appointed members. Therefore a minimum of 8 members must be present to establish a quorum. A total of 10 of the appointed members were in attendance at the start of the meeting, therefore a quorum was established.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. A motion to accept the agenda for today's meeting was made by R. Lerner and seconded by P. Abraham. The agenda was approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Chair called for the pleasure of the Council on the draft minutes of the May 13, 2003 meeting of the RMDC. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by J. Kline and seconded by P. Abraham. The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business

Chairman's Report - Presentation to Joint Legislative Subcommittee (House Joint Resolution 159): M. Benedetto informed the members that he had a lengthy discussion with the Joint Legislative Subcommittee during their May 20, 2003 meeting regarding the RMDC and its mission. The recommendation of the Subcommittee that the RMDC be eliminated as a part of an overall cost reduction effort. He also informed the Council that he had a conversation with Senator Martin, Chairman of the HJR 159 Joint Subcommittee regarding issues related to the RMDC Mission and that he has compiled a draft response to Senator Martin addressing the Subcommittee's concerns. He noted that there had been a problem in the past with having a quorum for the meetings, but that there has been a quorum at each of the three (3) meetings this year. He asked for comments from the Council members as to whether they were willing to continue to attend the meetings and continue to do the work of the council. Specifically, is there support from the members to continue the RMDC?

RMDC Members Polled:

D. Jones – would like the RMDC continued.

P. Abraham – would like the RMDC continued.

J. Kline – would like the RMDC continued.

Murphy – stated that the position of the administration supports the recommendation to eliminate the Council primarily because it is not meeting its primary mission.

W. Bailey - Abstained.

E. Duke – would like the RMDC continued.

B. Salmon – would like the RMDC continued.

P. Holloway – would like the RMDC continued.

T. Smith – would like the RMDC continued.

P. Abraham – would like the RMDC continued.

M. Benedetto – would like the RMDC continued.

M. Ward – would like the RMDC continued.

6. New Business

Draft Letter to Senator Martin, Chairman, HJR 159 Joint Subcommittee: M. Benedetto informed the Council that he had developed a draft response to Senator Martin and had made some suggested changes to the Council's Mission statement. He requested that the members review the document and provide feedback as to recommended changes.

Draft letter was reviewed, and members made recommendations for changes to the letter.

D. Jones suggested that the RMDC should try to find a member of the Subcommittee that would support these changes and would be willing to introduce the topic to the Subcommittee.

D. Jones suggested that the Council look at the idea of providing its own clerical support as a way to eliminate or at least minimize DEQ's support costs. She noted that the Council should come up with a job description for such a position.

T. Smith stated that a work-plan was needed for how to do these things that are identified in the revised mission statement. **P. Holloway** agreed that a work-plan addressing each part of the mission statement is needed. **B. Salmon** noted that the Subcommittees that were established at the last meeting might be a way of accomplishing various items/activities in the revised mission statement.

P. Abraham moved that the Mission Statement be adopted as amended.

B. Salmon stated that he supported the concept and seconded the motion.

Discussion:

M. Murphy stated that DEQ was supporting elimination of the Council in its present form and that he would be abstaining from the vote. He noted that he would be taking the Council's recommendations back to DEQ and would present them to the administration for their reaction.

P. Abraham suggested including an item #5, which would read: *"Develop, update annually and implement a work-plan to fulfill its powers and duties."*

P. Abraham revised his motion to include the additional changes.

B. Salmon seconded the motion.

P. Holloway stated that she may be compelled to vote no because she is not convinced that the proposed changes go far enough.

M. Benedetto called for a vote on the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 9 YES; 1 NO; and 2 Abstain (VOTE SUMMARY: P. Abraham; M. Benedetto; E. Duke; D. Jones; J. Kline; R. Lerner; B. Salmon; T. Smith; and M. Ward voted YES; P. Holloway voted NO; and W. Bailey (VDOT) and M. Murphy (DEQ) abstained.)

7. Due to time constraints, the following agenda items were not discussed/presented:

Old Business:	Subcommittee Reports Articles of Interest
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New Business:	Recycling Rate Report update for CY 2002
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8. Public Comment

Kate Sicola, representing Fairfax County, commented that she was currently involved in the development of Solid Waste Management Plans for a number of localities. She agreed with the decisions of the Council and would like to see them continue as an available resource.

Ellen Jackson, representing JLARC, confirmed the September meeting date for the subcommittee meeting to discuss the elimination of the RMDC.

9. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th, 2003 from 10:30 AM until 12:30 PM at the Henrico County Training Center in Glen Allen, Virginia.

10. Adjourn

The Chair asked for and received a motion to adjourn. J. Kline moved and B. Salmon seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.